

ND EMS I/C CEC Recommendations – COVID-19 03/27/2020

In order to comply with social distancing/isolation precautions, the following recommendations are made for ND programs:

- Abide by CDC/NDDoH recommendations especially as relates to group sizes and gatherings.
- Limit all education to essential purposes only.
- NREMT has extended the recertification deadline to June 20, 2020. If you planned on holding recertification classes, move to an alternative plan (such as video delivery or individual call review). NREMT has also removed the caps on distributed education so all hours can now be satisfied through online classes.
- Most organizations, agencies, and employers are following guidelines for accepting lapsed credentials for CPR, ACLS, PALS, etc. Therefore, classes for those should not be held at this time, if at all possible. If you feel these courses must be held, hybrid courses with online learning and one-on-one skills validation (such as the AHA's Heartcode courses) are preferred for these certifications.
- Follow all disinfection procedures between every use of educational equipment.
- Do not start a new EMR or EMT course until precautions are lifted.
- For ongoing EMT courses:
 - Finish the lectures by distance education methods (preferably live video).
 - Provide a comprehensive cognitive (written) final exam.
 - Using a national vendor is preferred, such as EMS Testing or Fisdap.
 - If you choose to do a locally authored or textbook publisher supplied cognitive exam:
 - The test must reflect content objectives of NREMT and be an acceptable complement of questions on all covered topics.
 - This test will need approval by the ND EMS office. There could be a delay due to the influx generated by COVID-19.
 - Students who pass the cognitive exam can then be approved on the NREMT site and then arrange the NREMT cognitive testing. Upon passing of cognitive testing from the Registry, the NREMT will issue a "Provisional certification" that will be recognized by ND.
 - Pearson Vue test sites have been requested to open, **if possible**, by the NREMT

for testing of EMTs and paramedics. Please check with your local site to see if they will allow testing.

- Any psychomotor testing requirements that may be required of these provisional licensees will be communicated when the NREMT publishes their plan.
- For employers who are hiring these individuals, please offer onboarding assistance to them as needed to cover any lapses in skills education.